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1. GOI - MINISTRY OF COMMERCE ISSUED A PUBLIC NOTICE
MAY 15 CONTAINING 13 AMENDMENTS TO THE IMPORT POLICY BOOK
(IPB) FOR APRIL 1978 - MARCH 1979 (TRANSMITTED NEW DELHI
A-82).

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT PERMITS PUBLIC SECTOR
AGENCIES TO IMPORT FOR OFF-THE-SHELF DELIVERY. THE PUBLIC
SECTOR AGENCIES -- THE STATE TRADING CORPORATION OF INDIA,
MINERALS AND METALS TRADING CORPORATION, VARIOUS STATES'
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS (SSIDC),
AND OTHER SIMILAR AGENCIES -- MAY NOW IMPORT ITEMS PLACED
ON OPEN GENERAL LICENSE (OGL) LIST ALSO FOR OFF-THE-SHELF
DELIVERY OR AGAINST SPECIFIC REQUESTS OF THE ELIGIBLE
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3. THESE PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES MAY ALSO BE GRANTED
LICENSES FOR THE IMPORT OF CAPITAL GOODS, RAW MATERIALS,
COMPONENTS AND SPARES OR ANY OTHER ITEMS (NOT ALREADY
COVERED BY IPB - PARA 68 ON PAGE 10) FOR SALE TO ELIGIBLE
ACTUAL USERS. THIS, WILL, HOWEVER, BE SUBJECT TO SUCH
CONDITIONS AND TERMS AS MAY BE LAID DOWN BY GOI-CHIEF

CONTROLLER OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

4. ANOTHER AMENDMENT RELAXES THE CONDITIONS GOVERNING IMPORTS UNDER OGL OF 23 ITEMS LISTED IN IPB - APPENDIX 10, (PAGES 77 AND 78). ACCORDING TO THIS AMENDMENT THE ELIGIBLE ACTUAL USER MAY IMPORT ALONG WITH THE MAIN EQUIPMENT ITS ACCESSORIES AND SPARES (WHETHER OF THE PERMISSIBLE OR NON-PERMISSIBLE CATEGORIES) UP TO AN AGGREGATE LIMIT OF FIVE PERCENT OF THE MAIN EQUIPMENT.

5. ALL OTHER AMENDMENTS ARE MINOR IN NATURE, MOSTLY CORRECTING AND PARTIALLY MODIFYING THE DESCRIPTIONS OF CERTAIN ITEMS IN VARIOUS APPENDIXES OF IPB.

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